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From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery
To: Ships and Stations Having Medical Department Personnel

Subj: MINIMUM TERMS OF SERVICE AND ACTIVE DUTY OBLIGATIONS FOR
HEALTH SERVICES OFFICERS

Ref: (a) DoD Directive 6000.2 of 8 Apr 88 (NOTAL)
(b) ASD(HA) memo for Secretaries of the Military
Departments of May 3, 1988 (NOTAL)
(c) SECNAVINST 1520.8A
(d) SECNAVINST 5214.2B

1. Purpose. To implement policies directed in reference (a) and accentuate relevant issues.

2. Cancellation. BUMEDINST 1520.35.

3. Scope. Applies to officers of the medical corps, dental corps, medical service corps, nurse corps, physician assistants, and officers in subsidized programs leading to appointments as health services officers.

4. Contracts. Reference (b) requires recipients of the Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program (AFHPSP) to sign a contract that specifically outlines the amount of time to be spent on active duty and the amount of time to be served in the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR). Once a contract is executed, an AFHPSP participant is obligated to serve on active duty for a period of time equal to the number of years of program sponsorship and to serve in the IRR for a period which, when added to the active duty time, equals 8 years.

5. Policy

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a. The minimum term of service for first term medical officers shall be 2 years following internship (graduate medical education (GME-1)) for non-subsidized physicians only. Reference (c) requires that participants in the AFHPSP who incur an active duty obligation (ADO) of less than 3 years be required to serve a 3-year minimum term of service on active duty. The minimum term of service for dental corps officers shall be 3 years. AFHPSP and Health Services Collegiate Program (HSCP) participants completing a Navy-sponsored general practice residency program

shall subsequently serve a 3-year minimum term. All others have

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a minimum 2-year ADO. The difference between the minimum term of service and the ADO can be served while participants are in training on active duty.

b. For AFHPSP participants, the ADO to be served on extended active duty shall be 2 years for the first 2 years, or any portion thereof, and an additional 6 months for each additional 6 months of participation. Periods of 15 days or more shall be counted as a full 6 months; less than 15 days will not be counted.

c. Officers who disenroll from training programs after 1 day but less than 6 months, shall incur an ADO on a day for day basis, unless obligated for a longer period by contract or agreement. Those who disenroll after completion of 6 months of training shall incur an ADO of 2 years from the date of disenrollment, unless obligated for a longer period by contract or agreement.

6. Action

a. Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery will ensure that active and Reserve obligated service dates are computed following the terms of this instruction and are provided to Chief, Bureau of Naval Personnel for the official record.

b. Commanding Officer, Naval Reserve Personnel Center will regularly review records of Reserve members requesting discharge to ensure that all obligations (statutory or military service) have been met before discharge.

7. Report Exemption. The requirement contained in paragraph 6a is exempt from reports control by reference (d), part IV, paragraph G8.

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